

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council members Melissa Jones & Bob Heuchan were absent.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

Councilor Taylor introduced his daughter Callie.

Rosie Chambers of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce stated the Mayors State of the City Address had been changed to March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 4, 2022 Common Council Minutes

Council President Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

Council President Austin made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-28 (Revised) Approving Trash Collection, Curbside Recycling & Collection of Fees** - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated she had brought back a revised ordinance for trash collection, curbside recycling & collection fees as the Council requested she do. Ms. Gray gave a review of the revisions she had made. City Financial Planner Jeff Peters came forward and gave a financial summary using different scenarios regarding different amounts to be collected from city residents for this service, & how it would affect the city's funds. Mr. Peters stated he would advise collecting the full amount from residents from the start. A discussion was held. It was decided to go with the original ordinance in which city

residents will pay the full monthly amount of \$17.22. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the original ordinance with the cost to residents being \$17.22 per resident starting in April 2022, seconded by Councilor Prine. A roll call vote was taken with: Councilor Austin stating aye; Councilor McGuinness stating aye; Councilor Nalley stating aye; Councilor Prine stating aye; & Councilor Taylor stating aye. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

Councilor Taylor made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 22-01 A Resolution Denying Tax Abatement for Overton Industries/Tube Forming Systems** - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated she is presenting this resolution forwarded from the EDC with a recommendation to deny a tax abatement for Overton Industries/Tube Form Systems. Ms. Monson stated the EDC did not feel the tax abatement was warranted as there would only been an addition of one employee which did not improve the economic growth of the city. Ms. Monson stated they were asking for a 5 year personal property tax abatement. Ms. Monson stated they are now requesting a 3 year abatement which is to purchase new equipment & to hire one new employee at \$23.00 per hour. Ms. Monson stated that the staff had recommended a 3 year tax abatement. Mr. Scott Buie of Overton Industries came forward & explained how their company had grown over the years, & they now have 37 employees with high paying wages. Mr. Buie stated they are wanting this abatement in order to help with the purchase of two new pieces of equipment & to hire one new employee. A discussion was held. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve a 3 year 5% tax abatement, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Austin stating aye; Councilor McGuinness stating aye; Councilor Nalley stating aye; Councilor Prine stating aye; & Councilor Taylor stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request to Declare Stale Dated Checks Cancelled** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is a yearly housekeeping item where we declare out dated checks as cancelled. A discussion was held. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request Approval of Encumbrances Carried over to 2022** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this item is to approve encumbrances carried over from 2021 to 2022. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**Update on Federal Vaccine Policy** - City Attorney Lynn Gray gave the Council an update regarding the Federal Vaccine Policy. Ms. Gray stated as of this time there is no vaccine mandate for employees.

### **Council Comments**

Mayor Barnett stated the city has spent a lot of money on the eastside to make the entrance to the city look nice. The Mayor stated there are currently stakes out in the area by McDonalds for a Body Shop & he is against this type of business being placed there. Mayor Barnett stated people should reach out to the owner of the property & let them know that this is not the place for this business, as it will not have a nice look to go with the rest of this area.

Councilor McGuinness asked about the rescheduled date for the State of the City Address. It was stated it will be March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Austin asked a question about proposed apartments out by the McDonalds by I-65. He also thanked Jeff Peters for his help on the financial matters brought before the city.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second was made to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 1/21/2022

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer